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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 13-Sep-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/13/03	09/06/03
BRO-FRY	160,761	141,296
LT HENS	1,162	1,069
HVY HENS	1,653	1,382

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

* WEEK ENDING 30-Aug-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)
 WEEK ENDING 06-SEP-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS		HEAVY HENS		TOTAL	
HEAD	* 78	103	*0	0	*78	103
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS						
LAST WEEK	151	78	7	0	158	78
SAME WEEK YR AGO	271	257	0	8	271	265
TO-DATE/2003	8,467	8,570	122	122	8,589	8,692
TO-DATE/2002	10,886	11,143	229	237	11,115	11,380

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS		HEAVY HENS		TOTAL	
HEAD	*1,307	1,083	*1,556	1,378	*2,863	2,461
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS						
LAST WEEK	1,407	1,307	1,545	1,556	2,952	2,863
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,119	1,413	1,640	1,092	3,759	2,505
TO-DATE/2003	61,640	62,723	48,776	50,154	110,416	112,877
TO-DATE/2002	72,776	74,189	48,707	49,799	121,483	123,988

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 06-SEP-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	137,041	980	1,378	2,358
AVG WT	5.15	3.33	7.83	5.96
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	162,103	1,229	1,556	2,785
SAME WK YR AGO	140,001	1,156	1,084	2,240
AVG WT	5.05	3.60	7.90	5.68
TO-DATE/2003	5,508,704	54,153	50,032	104,185
TO-DATE/2002	5,580,869	63,046	49,562	112,608

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 138.7 million head or 89% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 30-Aug-03**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	12,599	31,103	35,944
Avg Weight	3.90	4.69	6.02
% of total /1	16%	39%	45%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	14,424	22,216	26,200
Avg Weight	3.64	4.79	6.20
% of total /1	23%	35%	42%
Same week, yr ago /2	19,467	14,108	26,570
Avg Weight	4.00	4.86	5.89
% of total /1	32%	23%	44%
To date/2003	825,599	822,349	1,568,033
To date/2002	937,974	796,420	1,480,709

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 06-Sep-2003
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,670	2,356	41	22	4,089
AVG WT	15.40	34.38	22.05	27.87	26.47
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,027	2,857	93	2	4,979
SAME WK YR AGO	1,714	2,541	73	5	4,333
AVG WT	15.04	34.21	23.72	26.17	26.44
TO-DATE/2003	66,773	97,291	2,245	509	166,818
TO-DATE/2002	66,117	97,434	1,822	276	165,649

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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